



TOWNSHIP OF MULMUR FIREWORKS SURVEY RESULTS

A survey circulated to all property owners in the Township in January 2023 with the Interim Tax Bill. The survey was also promoted on Township communication channels including the newsletter and social media accounts.

The survey was open to residents and landowners within the Township of Mulmur. Collection began in January 2023 and was closed March 14, 2023 when the Township was no longer receiving responses.

Note: written comments submitted by residents and included below are verbatim and have not been altered.

Summary of Submissions

Total Number of Survey Responses	340
Ineligible Submissions	4 (1 Test, 3 Non-Resident)
Total Eligible Submissions	336

Q1 – Contact Information

Information provided to the Township within this section is not included to protect the personal and private contact information of respondents.

Q2 – Which type of fireworks should be permitted in Mulmur (Check all that apply)

Fireworks should not be permitted: 29.25% (98 respondents)

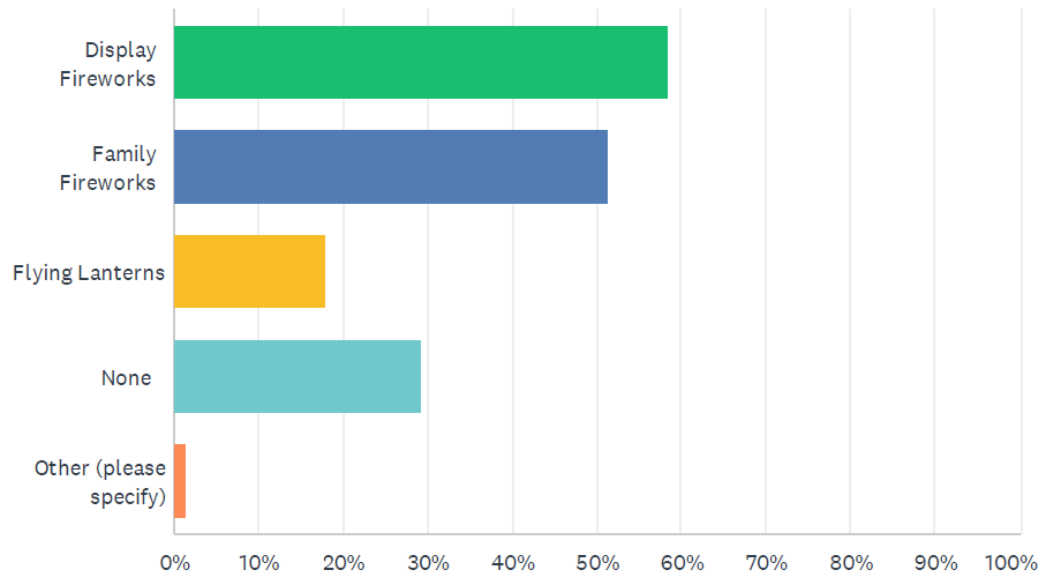
Fireworks should be permitted 70.75% (238 respondents)

- 58.51% (196) - Display Fireworks
- 51.34% (172) - Family Fireworks
- 17.91% (60) - Flying Lanterns
- 1.49% (5) – Other

Other Comments:

1. All of the above, but it wont let me select that.
2. Sparklers
3. Only permitted in residential towns such as Mansfield. Or commercial properties with permit such as Pine River or Mansfield Ski Club
4. Display fireworks only at scheduled public events
5. Only organized community events or with permits

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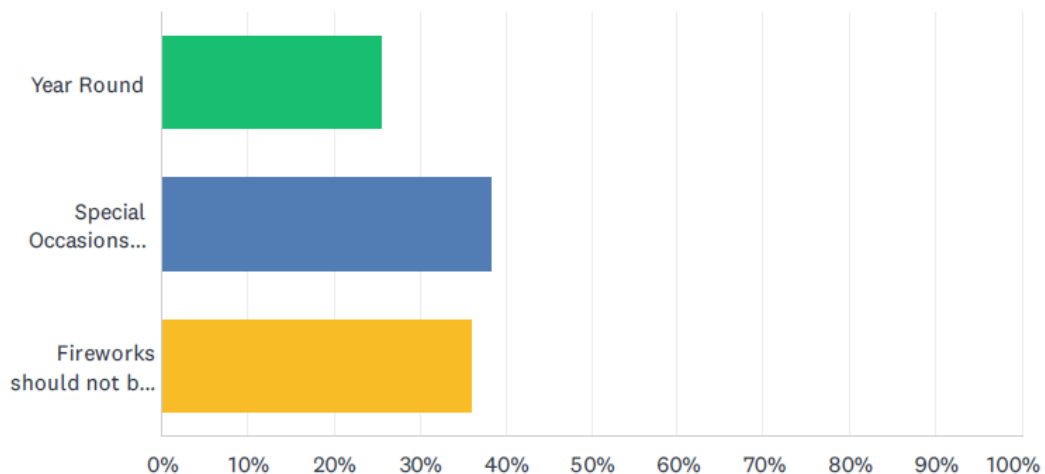
Q3 – If permitted, when should fireworks be allowed?

Fireworks should not be permitted: 36.01% (121)

Fireworks should be permitted: 63.99% (215)

- **Special Occasions: 38.39% (129)**
- Year Round: 25.6% (86)

Answered: 336 Skipped: 0



Q4 / Q5 – Should fireworks be permitted on specific holidays?

No: 32.11% (105)

Yes: 67.89% (222)

- 98.66% (221) – Canada Day
- 80.8% (181) – Victoria Day
- 68.3% (153) – New Years Eve
- 50.45% (113) – Diwali/Deepawali
- 47.77% (107) – Labour Day
- 46.88% (105) – Civic Holiday

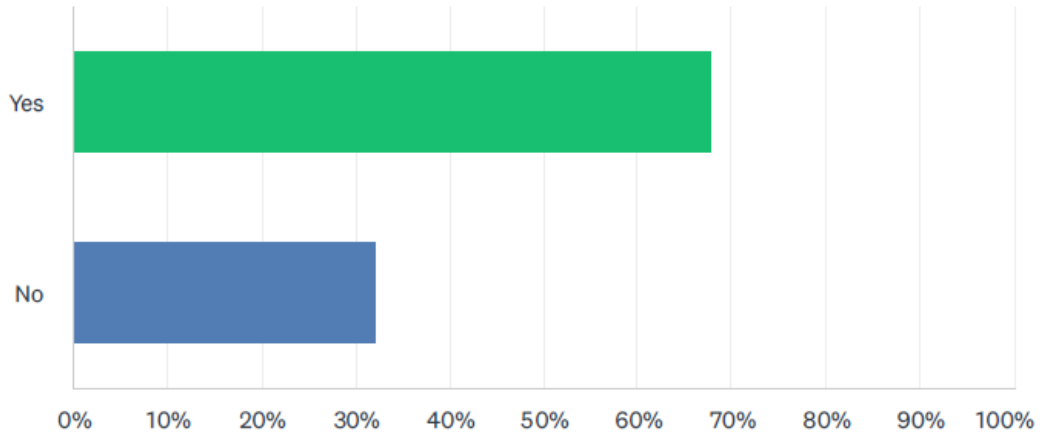
Other Comments:

1. Birthdays and parties
2. None
3. All day everyday, let's not go down this road of restrictions
4. None, give a little, take a mile...time for all or NOTHING
5. With notification to Township and Neighbours
6. Should be allowed year round and not just on holidays.
7. Any time
8. Only in special areas that are controlled
9. Family Day
10. Only in winter with now cover
11. None
12. None
13. Any holiday
14. If a group or family would like to celebrate an event and include fireworks, I don't see an issue with it.
15. Only if put on by the town
16. Keep religious holidays out of it
17. None
18. Any day including holidays
19. Any day
20. People like communal displays as a celebratory bonding event
21. Guy falkes night
22. Special family occasions with permission of township
23. 1) my birthday, 2) if I win the lotto day, 3) if king Charles gets a day, I'd say no to that one
24. Guy fawkes night
25. Family day weekend, thanksgiving weekend, Christmas
26. Sparklers only
27. On selected holidays ONLY in certain designated areas

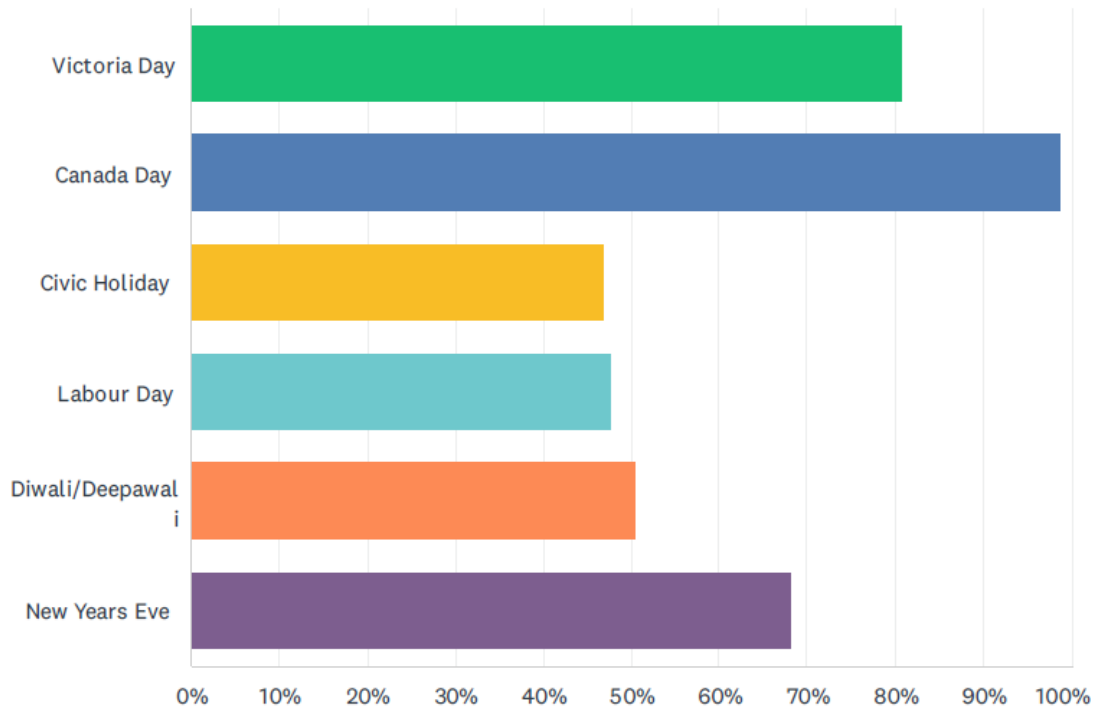
28. Only display fireworks

29. Any of the above, but only community events or by special permit

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Answered: 224 Skipped: 112

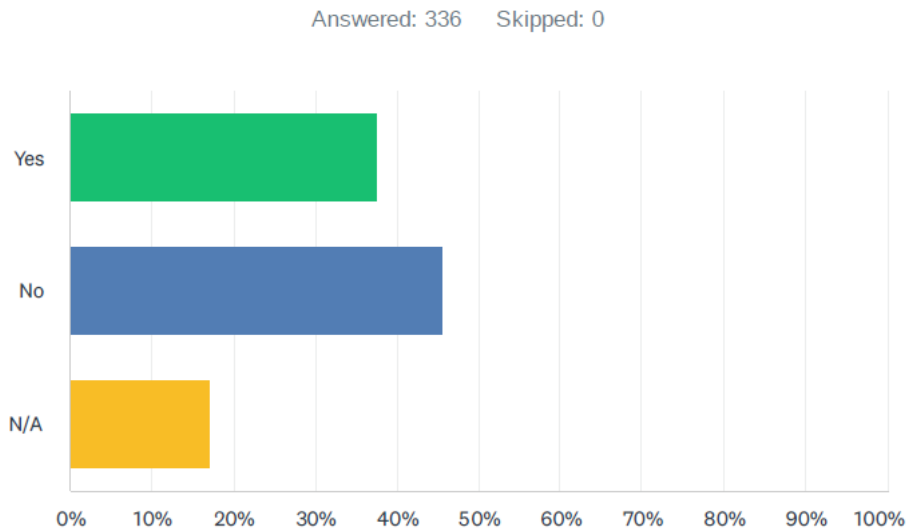


Q6 – Do you think the Township should require permits to set off fireworks?

No: 45.54% (153)

Yes: 37.50% (126)

N/A: 16.96% (57)



Q7/Q8 – Does the current use of fireworks in Mulmur impact you?

No: 46.53% (154)

Yes: 53.47% (177)

- Pets: 73.63% (134)
- Noise: 64.29% (117)
- Sleep: 43.41% (79)
- Safety: 35.71% (65)
- Livestock: 32.42% (59)
- Other: 26.37% (48)
- Mental Health: 22.53% (41)
- Property Damage: 19.78% (36)
- Light: 10.99% (20)

Other Comments:

1. Wildlife disturbance
2. Nesting birds
3. Wildlife endangering
4. Environment

5. Risk of grass and other fires as a result of fireworks
6. Birds, wildlife
7. Wild animals
8. Pollution
9. Wildlife
10. I would be more interested in police to slow down motorcycle and racing cars it's like being t a race track
11. There is a high risk for fire on neighbouring roofs and trees. Especially during droughts! Why are you permitting fireworks during dry spells in the township? No one is adhering to the bylaws regarding fire and fireworks and no one is enforcing the bylaws! Why waste the taxpayers cash having sub committee meetings to pass bylaws if there is no enforcement?
12. Wildlife is impacted
13. Wildlife
14. Climate (bad for environment)
15. Environment
16. Fire during dry times
17. Wild life
18. Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and war-related stress
19. Letting of fireworks in a subdivision should be illegal. They are very disruptive to pets and people
20. There are people in Mansfield who let off fireworks almost every weekend and destroy our evenings with the noise. Also see remnants of fire work casings often in the park and on the path that links the two subdivisions
21. Wildlife
22. Wild fire risk
23. Concerns for people's safety
24. The shock of fireworks kills animals
25. Our dogs are stressed each time there are fireworks here..as much as we use to love the fireworks, out hearts break to see our own dogs in our neighbourhood so terrified. So for this reason only, we wish we had no fireworks in residential areas...so many of our friends and neighbours feel the same way too...love the fireworks as humans, but not when we see our canine family suffer.
26. Wildlife
27. Wildlife
28. Fireworks are a joyful occasion
29. Wildlife
30. WILD LIFE
31. Fireworks are expected at the traditional events in a year, but random setting off of fireworks can be rather annoying/cause for concern
32. I once saw someone set off a paper lantern. It rose into the air and drifted off out of you. It was found a half a kilometer later, and luckily did not land on anyone's house.
33. Wildlife
34. Environmental and waste of money
35. Wildlife, including birds

36. Very worried about property damage with fireworks going off in neighbourhoods
37. Forest fire risk
38. It is very harmful to wildlife
39. Concerns with possible fires
40. None
41. Mental health :cheerfulness:people are enjoying themselves
42. Potential property damage! SO many accelerants
43. Scare horses cause injury
44. Disruptive impacts on wildlife
45. Disruption to wildlife habitat
46. I worry about our cattle and horses on the days that fireworks are set off. Not happy when they panic and run fences.
47. We have no fire hydrants and a volunteer firefighters, too much risk
48. There have been none near me in the past 12 years but if there were, some of the above would be a concern.

Q9 – Should the Township look for alternatives to traditional fireworks?

No: 65.06% (203)

Noiseless/silent fireworks: 21.15% (66)

Lightshows: 18.59% (58)

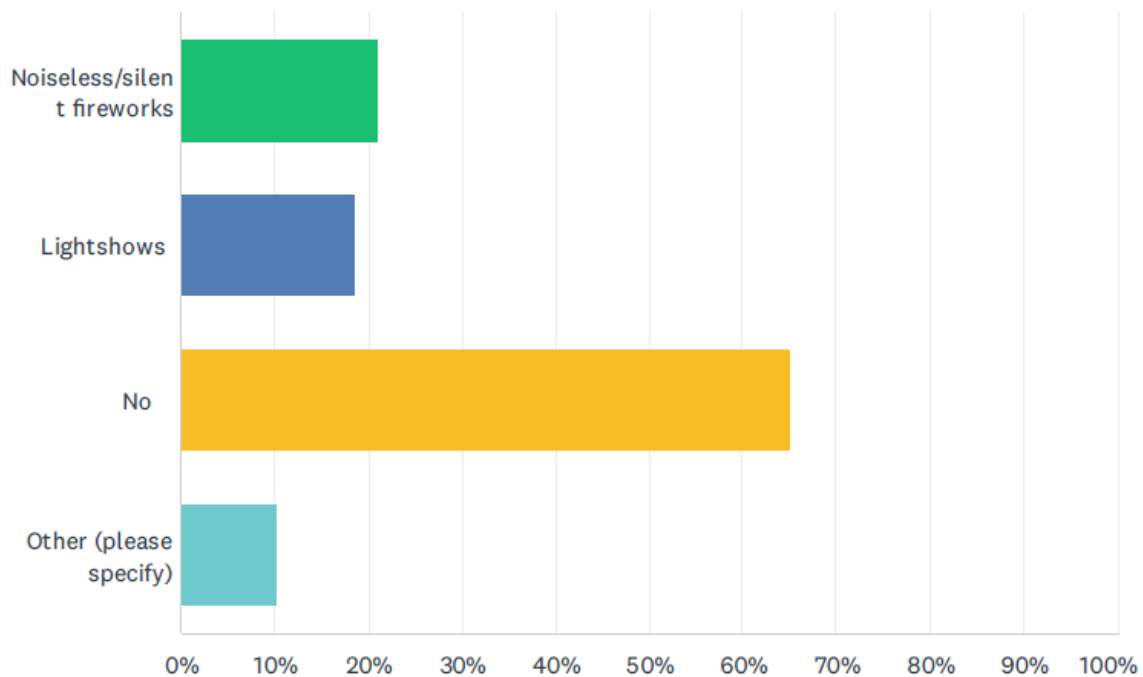
Other: 10.26% (32)

Other Comments:

1. Star gazing as a planned event at times when we have expected meteor showers
2. There are more important concerns
3. Controlled by township
4. No use at all
5. Solutions need to be environmentally responsible
6. Lighted drone displays
7. We wouldn't be opposed to alternatives but don't feel traditional fireworks need to be banned
8. Yes, look into alternatives and allow regular fireworks
9. We need more policeman
10. I have never heard of silent fireworks. But it that's an option, possibly
11. Fireworks should one be in town parks
12. NO NONE ALLOWED
13. Music or other

14. Drone
15. Professionally staged only
16. No more light pollution. Find another way to celebrate, it can be done and done well
17. Not sure an alternative exists
18. Sometimes the noise is half of the entertainment
19. If they don't harm anything, yes!
20. The township should not waste resources addressing foolish issues and start doing what it can to limit climate impact
21. Drone light shows !!
22. Not aware of other options, therefore, no comment at the moment
23. People need to adapt to change. Fireworks are noisy and waste of both money and resources. I'm sure we can celebrate without using fireworks
24. I guess, I don't know... I'd like to just be able to answer YES but there is no option
25. Parades, Community event during day with youth focus
26. Only professional displays by certified operators
27. Drones
28. If they can firework then yes they should replace it with something above
29. At community parks, but approved personnel for Canada day
30. Even the noiseless fireworks leave debris which animals consume and die
31. Collaborate with other larger venues in Dufferin and encourage people to join the larger group with less environmental sensitivities
32. Drones! Example:
<https://www.google.com/url?sa=t&source=web&rct=j&url=https://www.dronelightshow.ca/&ved=2ahUKEwjC4drX8cz8AhX-kokEHTnBuUQFnoECCAQAQ&usg=AOvVaw35WsMmknoksBeZK-CUXEkY>

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Q10 – Other Comments, Concerns or Suggestions

1. More problems and costs will be created by regulating fireworks.
2. People do not set fireworks every night. Usually it happens on weekends on summer time because they hold parties or family gatherings. During winter time it happens only on New Year's eve. It is our simple right to have entertainment and happiness in our lives. We have way too many restrictions already. Fireworks brings joy to kids and to adults.
3. I don't believe that fireworks are the best way to entertain the community and think money is best spent on other planned community events. If fireworks are used they should be in community settings and away from livestock and wildlife. China is the worlds largest manufacturer and exporter of fireworks. Is this where we want our municipal funds to go? There must be alternative entertainment ideas that can support and bring together our community, without setting off explosives into the sky.
4. Allowing fireworks by permit would be pointless. The main hazard is idiots (and there are many) burning down the escarpment. The escarpment will burn with or without a permit. The sale/purchase and use of fireworks should be banned outright, and there should be a significant fine for non-compliance.
5. Some things should just e left alone
6. I think fireworks as a fire hazard and waste of money
7. Why the extra expense? Scares and disturbs wildlife. Everybody complains about the noise and want to save the environment, here is a start! Mulmur Township is already in danger of losing its untouched beauty.

8. Mainly irritating for noise and pet upset when fireworks going off. Summer evenings by individuals/groups celebrating private events.
9. Believe it or not the main concern should be towards the nesting and migrating birds, otherwise the noise does not bother us. Another exception is the fall out toxic? Hmm
10. 1) Dealing with aftermath of clean up from neighbours setting off fireworks, ash/paper all over rooftops, vehicles and ground having to be picked up or hosed down (property damage). @)Neighbours with no respect for others that have to work. setting off fireworks at late hours 11pm, 2am etc 3) It would be beneficial that any fireworks events should be controlled in designated, suitable areas, appropriate with professional handlers, controlled by the township or local authorities for all celebrations
11. Fireworks are a completely irresponsible and frivolous way of stating one's interest in some sort of celebration. I live directly across the road from the town hall on second line. I am bordered to the north and south by a multi culture of softwood and hardwood forests. Our planet is experiencing an unprecedented increase in temperatures and extreme weather events that are extremely dangerous in themselves let alone adding free falling sparks and unsupervised use of fireworks and any ignition generating apparatus (lighters and matches et cetera) All combustible materials used for this type of display of cheer are completely inappropriate and highly dangerous for wildlife, Silva culture , the environment and private property. PLEASE DONOT USE PYROTECHNICS AS A WAY TO CELEBRATE ANYTHING!
12. We are OK with permits, but the permit cost needs to be based on the size type of the event.
13. To regulate is just one more example of our over-regulated nation!
14. Who will enforce rules??we don't have by-law enforcement
15. Please do not ban any fireworks. We live away from Toronto and major cities for a reason.
16. I think we have too many laws and I don't see what fireworks are hurting to anybody or anything
17. Our livestock is frightened by seasonal fireworks
18. I think it would be great to celebrate special events like Canada Day and New Years Eve as a community
19. Please leave well enough alone. There is absolutely NO reason why the township of Mulmur should concern itself with fireworks. If Mulmur residents are troubled by fireworks, they should deal with it themselves, or if danger is involved, they should call the police. The last thing we need is more money going out to pay for firework permits.
20. Fireworks are not only unnecessary they have many adverse impacts. Besides the issues listed in question 8, fireworks can cause fires, they pollute and they adversely impact wildlife and other animals.
21. We already have more than enough noise and light pollution in the township. Fireworks are a scourge, bad for the environment, livestock, pets, wildlife...the list is endless, no benefits that I can think of though.
22. Current noise is from personal fireworks in peoples backyards

23. Would like permit to include basic guidelines for firework use and safety. Permits are not a perfect solution but at least will allow those willing to follow basic consideration on timing and use opportunity to continue celebrating with fireworks.
24. This is a non issue in the country. Space and minor use would onyl impact a vocal minority of population
25. We need to consider the negative effects of fireworks on the local wildlife
26. Just regulate appropriately
27. Cant people just enjoy the quiet time in the country?! Do we have to impart every inch of this planet with noise and pollution, there are other ways to celebrate. thank you for asking us about this issue.
28. Our concern is livestock and safety
29. We are out in the country. We are not in the city. Let's just be normal.
30. Airshows should not be allowed either. They cause ++ pollution and impact animals and livestock. Thanks for this survey. I would love to see more surveys from Mulmur Township
31. We pay taxes to maintain roads, etc. We don't require additional government overreach. Thankyou
32. Fireworks should be prohibited when fire risk dictates. Sadly, common courtesy of respecting ones neighbor is all too rare. This will likely result in mandates. Rules are required for those lacking common sense.
33. Permits should be required for Display Fireworks
34. I feel that it can be very dangerous if livestock is frighten as they can run/bolt and breakdown or go through fences in their panic, get onto a busy road and cause a fatal vehicle accident. Also I worry with backyard private fireworks that there is the possibility that a firework or flying lantern could land on roof or other part of a property and start a fire. I am deeply against private fireworks and believe they should be banned. Only authority run and operated public displays should be allowed on a few traditional holidays
35. Keep up the great work Mulmur!
36. Regarding Question 6. Display fireworks should require a permit. Permits should not be required for family or small gathering fireworks. A reasonable limit could be set after which a permit would be required. As a suggestion, Limit could be set based on a combination of attendance and number of fireworks to be set off, ie. The more people attending it is assumed that the fireworks display would be proportionally larger.
37. Restrict the hours of setting off
38. Glad the Township is doing this. To me, the biggest emphasis should be on safe operation of fireworks, recognizing the climate is warming, drought is more common and hence the fire risk is becoming higher.
39. THERE SHOULD BE A FIREWORKS BAN IN DROUGHT/DRY CONDITIONS REGARDLESSOF HOLIDAYS. WE ARE ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT FIRES/SMOKE IN CLOSEPROXIMITY TO OUR HOUSE BY NEIGHBOURS WHO DON'T SEEM TO CARE. FLYINGLATERNS SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED FOR OBVIOUS REASONS - WE HAVE MANY DRYFIELDS & FORESTS AT RISK.
40. Just FYI: We will be building on our Mulmur property later this year and have no objections to any kind of fireworks in the township.
41. Don't take the fun out of it - but be safe, you're only young once!

42. The Township should NOT interfere in peoples lives. A friendly reminder to neighbourhood when fireworks are planned would be a courtesy. Please, let people be response for themselves
43. Permits on fireworks? Taxing fun? Who thought of that?
44. RE # 4 when heard, always think initially it is gunshots and am very concerned about effect on animals and birds and also possible fire hazards. Do we not have enough "explosions" going off in our world without creating more for entertainments purposes?
45. Any property near Dufferin Forest should be restricted
46. Display fireworks should be allowed but should require a permit from the town. Family fireworks should be permitted but not after 11:00 pm or before 8:00 am.
47. We used to host an annual fireworks party at the farm - May 24th long weekend. That was the one time in the year we used fireworks.
48. I only concern the flying lanterns may easily get property fires or forest fires
49. Fireworks should only be allowed before 11pm.
50. Fire works are not a problem in mulmur township should be looking at a taxes reduction for noise pollution and the lack of police
51. I don't believe in government permits. Liability laws are enough to protect 3rd parties.
52. You will obviously do what you want and will get quorum for what the "town" wants. But I will tell you, it is not safe to have indiscriminate fireworks during droughts and dry spells. You will start a fire on someone's roof or on a neighbour's treeline/copse. Stop it! It is absolutely ridiculous to have fireworks permitted during dry spells! We have trouble putting out fires during dry spells. Why would you have boombastic private neighbourhood fireworks during dry spells and droughts? Irresponsible! Not only that, the town should make sure that anyone who wants a private fireworks display on their property should firstly, have the appropriate site for it. Secondly, provide an endorsement of multi liability insurance and fire insurance of several million of dollars. And, there should be random inspections during the summer WHEN THE FIREWORKS DISPLAYS ARE RUNNING! Bonfire infractions and fireworks displays always happen on the long weekends and at night - why are the bylaw officers not doing spot checks during those times! Why are they not working on the long weekends and during holidays. Come on! Let's get on with it. It was a problem before the pandemic and our complaints were ignored. And bylaw infractions for bonfires and fireworks were worse during lockdown. Come on! I say no fireworks during dry spells and droughts. That means from May 1 to September 30th. If you are going to permit the fireworks, the council should make sure the resident provides a multimillion dollar insurance endorsement to the township for the event and post it on the website so we are apprised when the fireworks will be displayed. Please let's get on with responsible community government and stop these fire risks!
53. Flying lanterns should not be permitted at any time
54. Fireworks are used very minimal, so I do not have a problem with them.
55. I don't find fireworks a problem due to their minimal use.
56. Thank you councillor Clarke for asking the public.
57. I used to love fireworks until I learned how detrimental they can be to pets and wildlife. We need to preserve our community and it's peacefulness, and consider

- the pets and abundant wildlife that we live with, first and foremost. Wildlife can be especially terrified by fireworks not to mention pets and livestock.
58. Fireworks and flying lanterns over forested areas are a potential forest fire hazard also farmer fields with certain crops is permitted should only be in controlled areas
 59. STOP WASTING TAX PAYERS MONEY ON RIDICULOUS SURVEYS. HOW ABOUT FIXING 10TH SIDEROAD FROM AIRPORT ROAD TO PRINCE OF WALES AND CLEAN THE SNOW AND SAND BETTER. THIS WOULD BE BENEFICIAL TO THE PEOPLES SAFETY AND MENTAL HEALTH.
 60. Fire hazard is a concern. Should only be allowed with sufficient snow cover.
 61. I have a direct neighbour shoot fireworks directly over my property causing my horses to almost go through the fences. It was an extremely dry year and a distinct fire hazard. People don't think before using fireworks. Please leave them for the urban centre displays.
 62. -
 63. THE AREA IS HEAVILY FORESTED WITH DRY LEAVES ON THE GROUND AS WELL AS DRY EVERGREEN NEEDLES. IT WOULD BE HIGHLY IRRESPONSIBLE TO ALLOW PEOPLE TO SHOOT FIREWORKS AND START FIRES. THERE ARE MANY OTHER WAYS HOW PEOPLE CAN CELEBRATE SPECIAL OCCASIONS WITHOUT ENDANGERING SAFETY.
 64. Flying lanterns should be prohibited for fire safety reasons.
 65. How would you enforce a ban on fireworks
 66. In my opinion, Fireworks have been out of control. Ok for specific holidays with permits. They are not meant for regular use. Animals especially affected by them
 67. Hold the persons responsible of irresponsible use, for example, lighting off on random summer nights past midnight. Canada Day and Victoria Day
 68. There are plenty of well-supervised responsible firework displays already available on appropriate dates. A specific ethnic group that wishes otherwise should follow the same responsible framework as outlined above... an appropriate date and site, well-supervised and responsibly performed.
 69. Not familiar enough with their use. A real concern however is the use of fireworks that could lead to grass or forest fires, especially during a dry season.
 70. Light up the sky with colour on holidays and special occasions 😊
 71. Let tax payers enjoy their beliefs and traditions, North America is becoming a 3rd world country with all these policies We are becoming a communist country, it's bullshit what I see my country turning into because of a few people that are miserable Pretty soon we might have to remove Christmas and Halloween at this rate Geeeeeeze
 72. We live in a country setting not in the city where you have 4 feet between you and your next door neighbour and have 20 feet dept of back yard. If you have 1/2 acre or more there should not be an issue at all.
 73. Thank you for reviewing this
 74. I thought paper lanterns were always illegal? Ban them all!
 75. Consideration for property owners with pets, livestock
 76. having a bylaw is beside the point- people don't know the rules, it is a don't ask/don't tell situation. people will set off fireworks as they please. and a bylaw is unenforceable. Having suggested guidelines is as about as effective as you are going to get.

77. I would like to hear some positive response regarding the removal of the landscaping business operations across the road from me! Please lets respect our communities
78. Questions 3 and 4 are conflicting. I don't think they should be set off any day but I think that if fireworks were only permitted on holidays then residents could take appropriate action to keep their animals and pets in the house/barn and safe. If I didn't have pets that hated the noise I may feel differently about fireworks.
79. Honestly, the fact that this survey is deemed necessary is ridiculous. Firstly, fireworks have been in use in our country since before I was born and it was never an issue anywhere that I've lived, which as a military veteran includes the cities of Toronto, Calgary, Kingston and Newmarket, as well as rurally in AB, ON and NFLD. Secondly, the vast majority of Mulmur is rural and as such there is more noise from hunters using guns, and the artillery/small arms fire coming from Base Borden. How is fireworks even an issue! Surely there must be other things far more important for people and our Council to be concerned with addressing.
80. I live in Honeywood, my dog does not like the noise, kept me away in the summer but I really feel they are a summer tradition that should not stop. Thanks
81. I think fireworks should be allowed at a specific location like a park where people can gather to watch rather than at people's private residences.
82. Its a great tradition, nice way to get the community together. It would be interesting to explore an alternative that is a) reusable b) environmentally made and disposed of c) less chemicals. For the price of professional fireworks you can do a lot of things that might give a better return.
83. I am against fireworks in our rural community because of fire hazards, threat to pastured livestock etc. Nobody checks the the website if only certain days are permitted, no enforcement available. This should not end up as a policing issue. People do the strangest things and please for forgiveness after. The simplest act is to not permit them at all.
84. Is the Township is doing them I'm OK with that as long as safety precautions are taken. I don't agree with private individuals/families using fireworks even with a permit. Too high fire risk
85. I think finding ways to connect with friends, family, neighbour's and community is wonderful and necessary. We however also have to be more cognizant of how we do this and how it affects others, the environment and the life around that isn't just human. Fireworks and lightshows although exciting and beautiful have detrimental impact to the animals we share this land with along with our pets. We have to find ways to celebrate that are in harmony with our surroundings not opposed to them.
86. Fireworks notifications should be mailed/delivered to every household prior to event; private fireworks displays should be fined
87. Thank you for taking steps to address the use of fireworks in Mulmur. Fireworks are extremely distressing and cause risk to our environments. Please seriously consider stopping or restricting use like other townships/communities are doing.
88. Fireworks time has come and gone. Too many people are abusing it. They need to be banned.
89. If an alternative firework were approved, I think it would still leave the door open for some setting off of unapproved fireworks. Easier to just say "no" across the board to avoid grey areas and pleas of ignorance. Unless the fines were extreme, I'm not convinced there would be complete adherence.

90. Given the fire risks involved with fireworks in a rural setting, they should only be allowed with proper supervision at the Township office and/or Mansfield ball park.
91. Whatever decision is agreed upon, survey should be reviewed every 3-5yrs as demographics change. Thanks
92. People who set off fireworks here tend to be visitors or occasional tenants (Mulmur is their 2ndhome). They fire them ALL weekend and at midnight. I have horses and a licensed dog kennel. My visiting dogs often have fear of fireworks and to have to medicate them ALL weekend is unfair to them. Be nice to say you only have from 8-10 pm to fire them and be end of it all. Fireworks should be set off at least 55 ft from the house so in town no fireworks are safe as it pertains to property damage. How is Mulmur going to man those violators. I know if I called fire or police on these occasions, the phone would be busy and there would not be enough workers to come out to ticket violators. Trust is, they have better things to do - keep our stores and constituents safe from criminals.
93. I think that if people can target practice and unload firearms in the area all day long at any given time, I don't think fireworks on occasion are not a concern. With the exception of new years, maybe a timeframe would be beneficial. Sort of coinciding with the noise bylaw, after 11 could get you in trouble.
94. Looking into alternatives is a wonderful idea, just don't take the fun out of a true fireworks show.
95. the ban as of april 2022 in Caledon could be the model as can the Nov 2022 decision to ban fireworks in Brampton.
96. For the sake of our wildlife, please either go to none or silent!
97. A fire hazard risk should be only reason to ban fireworks, there should be a provision in dry conditions to temporarily ban use of fireworks to prevent grass/forest fires.
98. I'm ok with fireworks on the above noted holidays. It's the people that abuse their right, and set them off until 2 am on any weekend in the summer. It is extremely disruptive to neighbours. Victoria Day and Canada Day are ok with my family
99. I think alternatives to traditional fireworks are a good place to start. A lot of people enjoy them. It would be good if the town could find alternatives and put on the shows for holidays. At least if it's the town putting it on, people can be aware of the date and make other arrangements for pets, themselves, etc. It becomes difficult if multiple people on a line are doing fireworks throughout an entire holiday weekend and "rapid fire" of the fireworks. I also am some what concerned about potential damage to property.
100. LEAVE PEOPLE ALONE THERE IS A REASON WE LIVE IN THE COUNTRY. PEOPLE NEED TO MIND THERE OWN BUSINESS
101. Doubt that a permit system would work but people need to know how to handle them safely at home. Definitely would support move to noiseless as less harmful to pets and wildlife.
102. I have neighbours that routinely light off fireworks in the summer. I don't have a problem in reasonable hours, but this doesn't happen. One time it was at 12:30 at night. Another time it was late in the evening and it appeared that the fireworks got out of control and we were concerned that the evergreen trees separating our property would catch fire. Not sure how to manage this but people need to keep them to reasonable times, and under control (ie, don't light them off if there is a strong wind)

103. We love how fireworks look, but they're much too dangerous for wild/domestic animals. If there is an environmentally friendly alternative, we'd love it :) Thanks for asking.
104. My primary objection is the risk of fire.
105. Fireworks are a very occasional occurrence. The very few occasions they are let off generate little or no inconvenience for us, in fact they are a delight to see. We would be very disappointed to see them restricted or god forbid, banned. Fireworks o
106. There are other ways of celebrating with music, dance, outdoor theatre or movies. We need to be considerate of our farming community that have livestock affected by the noise and light.
107. Occasional fireworks do not bother us, though happy for rules to be changed if they bother other residents. Does not impact us either way. I do NOT think fireworks should be allowed for some special occasions (eg Victoria day) and not others (eg Diwali).
108. The township absolutely should permit family fireworks for special occasions / holidays without the need for a permit. If banned in a rural area, what problem is being solved ?
109. Our dog gets very distressed from the noise of fireworks even when indoors. My neighbors set them off and they have damaged two of our vehicles. It is difficult to sleep for myself and my children when they are going off at 11pm or later. I feel that this survey should not be permitted to have fireworks
110. I can't see a huge problem if allowed any day. The novelty just isn't there to expect people firing them off at all times. Besides, they are not readily available for purchase except on certain holidays like Canada Day or Victoria Day.
111. Common sense goes a long way ! We don't need more rules and regulations !
112. we suggest fireworks remain allowed without permits
113. Fireworks are good family fun a couple times a year.
114. Fireworks are normally for celebrations, whether it be a specific holiday, a birthday/retirement/anniversary celebration or a family gathering. They can be enjoyable and bring smiles to peoples faces. So many things are being regulated lately and eliminated from everyday life which had brought enjoyment and comradery. Let's continue to allow people to express their happiness and partake in these types of celebrations. Thanks for the opportunity to engage in this survey.
115. Why is "the threat of wildfire" not listed?? ALL FIRES SHOULD BE PROHIBITED as the majority of residents now have no appreciation for the risk and severity of impact. The natural environment does not need yet another invasive human activity, nor do residents who value what is left of the natural environment want to see more encroachment.
116. Given the amount of forested and agricultural land in Mulmur, combined with relative dry/drought conditions I am very concerned about the fire risk posed by indiscriminate use of fireworks by the general public. Use of fireworks should be limited to municipality sponsored events at controlled sites.
117. I think fireworks could be done on a permit basis with a small fee for special occasions and holidays. That will deter people from setting them off unnecessarily but will still allow people to use them for celebrations.
118. The garbage that people leave in public parks, the streets and on private properties (the church tree field in Mansfield) after they set off fireworks is ridiculous. In this day and age the fact that people are littering at all and worse in spaces used by

children and families is unacceptable. This needs to be addressed. Plus the fact that people trespass onto private property because they think of it as an empty field in town is also unacceptable and a major disturbance to the people who live beside these properties. I have also unfortunately witnessed drunk individuals setting off fireworks in the streets of Mansfield, so something needs to be done to enforce these activities. I enjoy firework displays but there is a time and a place and if the town invested in some silent firework shows then maybe this would help curb the reckless activities in town.

119. Fireworks should be banned in residential areas. I have witnessed pets running off in fear. I have been woken up numerous times because of fireworks in our area, our dog freaks out every time, can you imagine the effects on wildlife. I believe they should be only allowed with permits, which should be at a cost of no less than 1000 dollars, which should include notification of the event to neighbors. Very little common sense these days!
120. A by-law can't be enforced so don't bother. Perhaps a permit requirement and education might help control the issues around fireworks but I expect not.
121. The tide is turning against loud displays. I think families should be able to have fireworks, whether I like them or not; but a permit for commercial use seems reasonable. Seeking alternatives that aren't incendiary seems like a good idea.
122. If things stay the same, I won't be overly concerned, but it makes sense to reduce usage to limit nuisance bother to others and the risk of fire or injury to humans or wildlife (especially in the case of wire-framed lanterns).
123. Not everything needs regulation in this world.
124. I am not in favour of everybody being able to set off fireworks at any time they wish.
125. Fireworks are fun and enjoyable all year round
126. Occasional display fireworks operated by a pro would be nice. Responsible and safe use of fireworks should be strongly encouraged...thx
127. Please spend funds on more productive ways to increase service and overall well being of Mulmur residents
128. There are too many fireworks and too much light pollution in Mulmur Township. Less is better.
129. Let people live their lives and have fun! Fun doesn't hurt anyone.
130. Fireworks are unnecessary and have too many negative side effects to wildlife and the environment to allow them. They should not be allowed, period.
131. Fireworks have been enjoyed by many for years and most people use a common sense approach to using them, at the traditional occasions. The random, inconsiderate folks may be causing undue distress for neighbours and the township. Perhaps having to register for setting off fireworks would help encourage appropriate timing and use.
132. Fireworks are a fun for families. The unfortunate change, the last number of years, has been the size and scope of fireworks and the frequency of use by families. They are now heard in the week and many weekends during the summer and now other seasons. Personal and fire safety is an issue.
133. While I don't think permitting is necessary, education and policy is required. Areas for use should be determined and made available. Communication and enforcement of non-permitted times and locations should also be resourced (ie: fire bans, wooded areas, other risks)

134. My main concern is for animals: domestic and wildlife. Mulmur is mostly rural with a health wildlife population - let's respect and protect that. We can go to larger population centers where display fireworks are done on holidays like Canada Day. But they should not be allowed on private property, nor anywhere in Mulmur.
135. Frankly, it's a lot of money allocated for something that has a great impact on pets and wildlife. Not to mention, the waste considering its money literally, going up in smoke. Money that could be spent on community events more lasting.
136. I know this is a contentious issue, but I've been against fireworks for years. They are a complete waste of resources and money. With everything that's going on in the world the least we can do is get rid of fireworks.
137. Ban when fire risk is extreme, require they be set off a certain distance from a wooded area, put in a after sunset and before midnight time restriction
138. I think the reason you are collecting personal information should be clearly stated. You should state WHY you are interested in our opinions. Question 3 and 4 don't make sense to me. For 3, If I'm saying I'm in favour of fireworks in question 2, then why would there be an option for "fireworks should not be permitted" in question 3, since I already said that in question 2? Also, for question 3, you say holidays and your examples don't include Gov't holidays. I don't agree with any of the options offered in 3 and it's a mandatory question!!! So I have to answer something that is going to give you false input. I have to wait until question 5 to answer it. You could wrap 4 and 5 into one question. Why does question 6 have an option for N/A? If it's not applicable, then isn't it basically a no? What does N/A refer to? Question 9 says Should the township look for alternatives. There's no option for me to say YES. Maybe I don't know what alternatives I am thinking of, I just want to say YES, township should look for alternatives. What was the logic behind the mandatory questions. why those ones? Basically you're saying, of all these questions, these are the ones we NEED answered for our information gathering exercise. So if people only answered questions 1, 3 and 6 it would be sufficient? Also, wouldn't this have been a perfect opportunity to request express consent offer an check box for people to opt into the email list and newsletters in a continued effort to engage with residents???You're collecting information already, can't you just add a check box with a friendly opt instatement?
139. Have designated areas within the township where individuals can go to set off recreational fireworks. These area would ideally be where the least amount of negative impacts occurs(noise)
140. Questions 2 and 3 limit response options therefore control survey result. I would prefer to choose that fireworks be allowed BUT only on specific Holidays that are relevant to all residents on the same days and therefore controlled and presented by the township.
141. When fireworks explode they release chemicals that are carcinogenic and/or toxic to humans, animals, and plants. These chemicals pollute the air, water, and soil. The noise and light from fireworks disrupt and frighten wildlife, including nesting birds. Light shows as an alternative can also be problematic as can artificial light in general. www.darksky.org/light-pollution/wildlife
142. If fire works are limited to specific holidays and put on by the township then no need for permits. In my opinion, individual residences should not be allow to set off fire works for any reason. It's a fire and safety hazard.

143. As a retired, professional firefighter, I have seen many home fireworks displays gone bad. Personal injury and property damage. Never underestimate the carelessness of some negligent and/or drunken people. I really can't comprehend how the sale of fireworks at corner retail stands has not been prohibited by the Government of Ontario. When done by certified professionals, fireworks displays are awesome and can be enjoyed by everyone SAFELY.
144. Forest fire risk is too high. Many people are simply too irresponsible to be trusted to follow rules and safety guidelines. NO fireworks.
145. The noise from exploding fireworks can be terrifying. Panicked pets can bust through door screens or even windows to run away. Frightened cows and horses can easily trample through fences. Animals are often seriously injured in their attempts to escape, including lacerations, sprains and broken limbs. Many dogs are fearful of fireworks. When frightened, dogs who are normally friendly can sometimes act out of character. This places members of the public, including children, at risk of being bitten. Fireworks also frighten, disorient and disturb wild animals. When scared from dens and roosting sites, wildlife can run into busy streets or fly into buildings. This often has fatal results. Fireworks can also interrupt their natural feeding and breeding behaviours and even cause them to abandon their young. When accidentally ingested, the debris from exploded fireworks can cause life-threatening illness. Animals can be poisoned by the chemicals or suffer from gastrointestinal obstruction.
146. Pets be mindful of the animals pls
147. Ontario bylaw permits fireworks and we are part of Ontario. If people are following the safety guidelines, there shouldn't be any issues. If someone has a pet that doesn't like the sound, put it in the house like I used to do with my dogs. Fireworks have been around for many years without hassle. I think people have too much time on their hands for consistent complaining.
148. As above, the concern of fires is huge with "live fireworks" .I do think sparklers should be permitted on listed choices of holidays.
149. Thousands in vet bills spent after fireworks. Horses are terrified of fireworks and this should not be permitted!!
150. As much as fireworks are wonderful it is evident from the current research that they are harmful to livestock, wildlife, and humans who suffer from ptsd or individuals who may not have ptsd but are traumatized by loud noises. It's time for Mulmur to ban fireworks and protect our residents, local wildlife, and livestock.
151. At the right time...in the right area (where noise and light already exists due to street lights and/or density) fireworks should be permitted. With restrictions on timing, permit required. And limited to special holidays synonymous with fireworks such as Victoria Day and July 1
152. Mulmur recently issued a Climate Change emergency. Allowing fireworks does not support that policy.
153. Only display fireworks that have a permit on holidays should be allowed
154. The big offenders are those from the city that visit on long weekend and set them off EVERY long weekend including Thanksgiving and Easter, at all hours with ZERO regard for the effect it has on pets, wildlife and livestock!!
155. Thank you for asking the Community.
156. bad for livestock and the environment
157. Celebrations with the use of fireworks should always be welcome in the community

158. Fireworks displays Re extremely disruptive to bird navigation, polluting and unnecessary
159. Fireworks have become so regular now that it is not a treat like it used to be on holidays. People in our neighbourhood set them off whenever. Also the increase in pets that escape from fear is incredible. That also becomes safety issues when scared animals are loose.
160. Fireworks should not be allow due to the dry conditions of the pine forest. Due to the amount of forests in the area. Noisy. Disturbs our animals.
161. To date, there have been no fireworks around my home so there hasn't been a real impact. However, during Diwali, we visited friends in a Caledon subdivision and we were shocked at the unsafe fireworks practice in that area, with many families lighting off fireworks on their driveways, very close to people, cars and homes. Our car was hit by fireworks, as was the garage of the home we visited. I am pleased Mulmur is considering its policy related to fireworks. If they are allowed, I recommend very strict guidelines related to safety and location. I don't think it is necessary to allow fireworks on private property, especially without permits. I do support occasional, community fireworks which are properly staffed and safe.
162. I love fireworks!